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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TC/A.U. : Unassigned  
Examiner : Unassigned  
  
Docket No.: : MASU3001/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated May 26, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application. Submission of the following items are within the time period set forth in the Notice.

The Notice indicates that in order to complete the requirements for acceptance of the national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371, an accurate translation into English of the application is required. Specifically, the Notice indicates that the current translation into English provided is defective because the number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the English translation are not the same. The Notice also indicates that a processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application later than 30 months from the priority date is required.

Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith an accurate translation into English of the application, including a signed Statement of Accuracy of Translation. The translation into English of the application contains the same number of claims as the

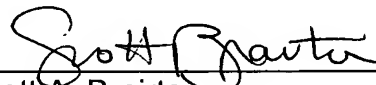
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International Application. The required \$130.00 English translation surcharge is also included.

The Notice also indicates that an Oath or Declaration in compliance with 1.497(a) and (b) is missing. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a properly and fully executed Declaration which identifies the application by international application number and international filing date. The required \$65.00 surcharge for a small entity is also included.

It is believed that the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 have been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants most respectfully request that the application be forwarded to the appropriate examining group for its examination.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Action Due 1.2.  
Deadline 7.26.06  
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**CONFIRMATION NO. 4275**  
**371 FORMALITIES LETTER**  
  
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/27/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/27/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/27/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/27/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/27/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 09/27/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/27/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/27/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/27/2005
- Specification filed on 09/27/2005
- Claims filed on 09/27/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/27/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/27/2005



The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the

priority date.

- The number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation are not the same.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$195** for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because it was not received at the DO/EO Office..

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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